



# Planning College

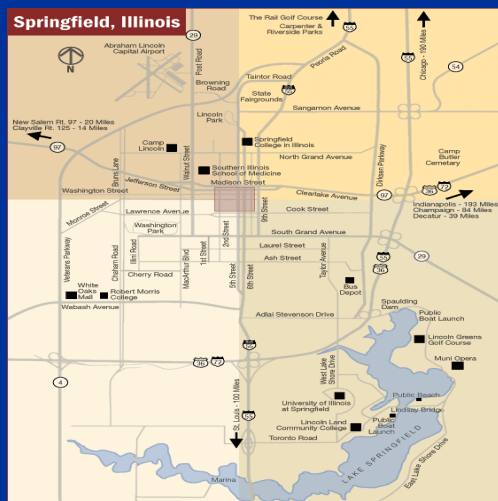
## September 2008



Springfield-Sangamon County  
Regional Planning Commission

# Goals

- To help residents better understand how and why communities plan.
- To increase awareness of planning activities.
- To better understand the type of planning required and how the plans fit together.

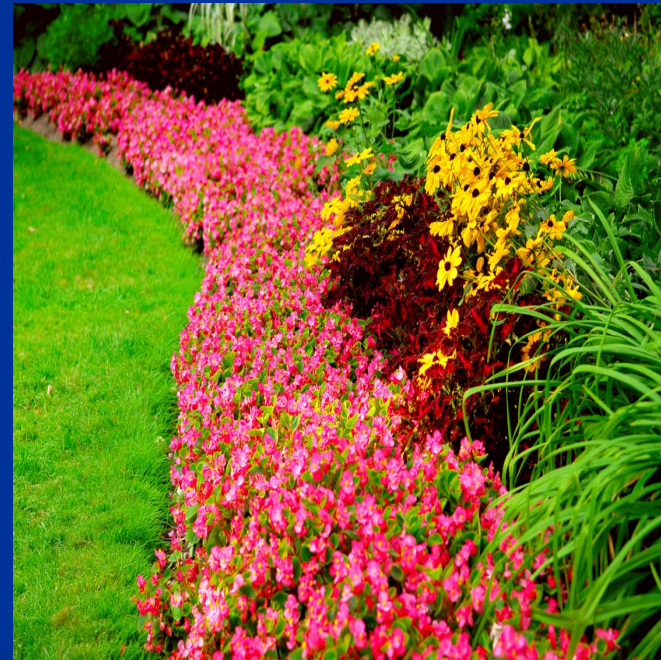


# The Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

- Joint planning agency for Springfield and Sangamon County and also serves as metropolitan planning agency for the area.
- Has 17 members representing County, City, special units of government and six citizens.
- Planning services: land use, housing, recreation, transportation, economics, environment and various special projects.

# Why Plan?

- We all can tell the difference between a weed patch and a garden when we see them.



# A Garden is *Planned*

## ■ WEED PATCH

- Unplanned: Can grow anywhere.
- Simply represents change.
- Shows movement
- Reactive

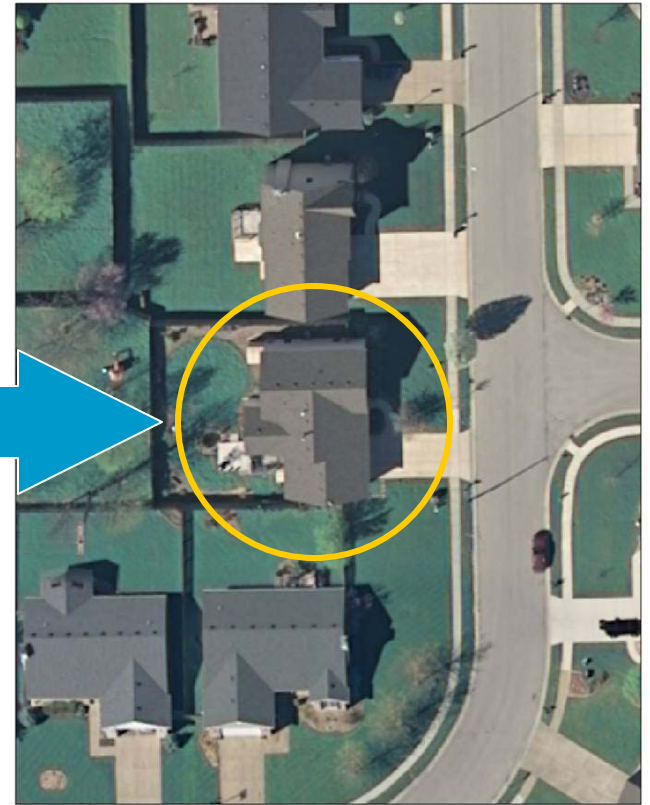
## ■ GARDEN

- Planned: Relates to our vision.
- Represents positive change: **Improvement.**
- Shows progress.
- Active involvement.

A Garden Requires **Decisions.**  
A Weed Patch Only Requires That One **Not Decide**  
(or decide that a weed patch is acceptable).

# So What Forms Does Planning Take?

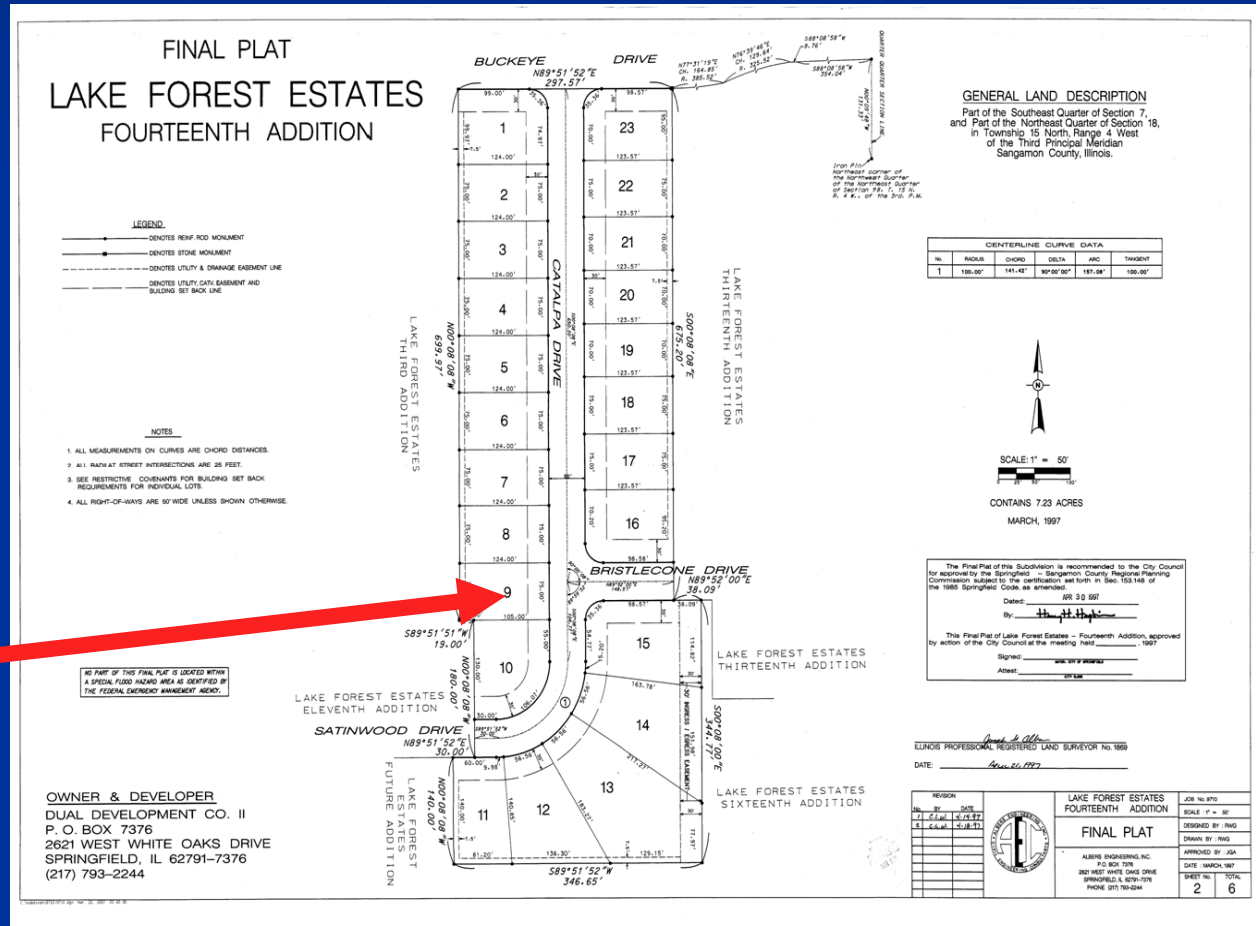
- Let's look at one little house.



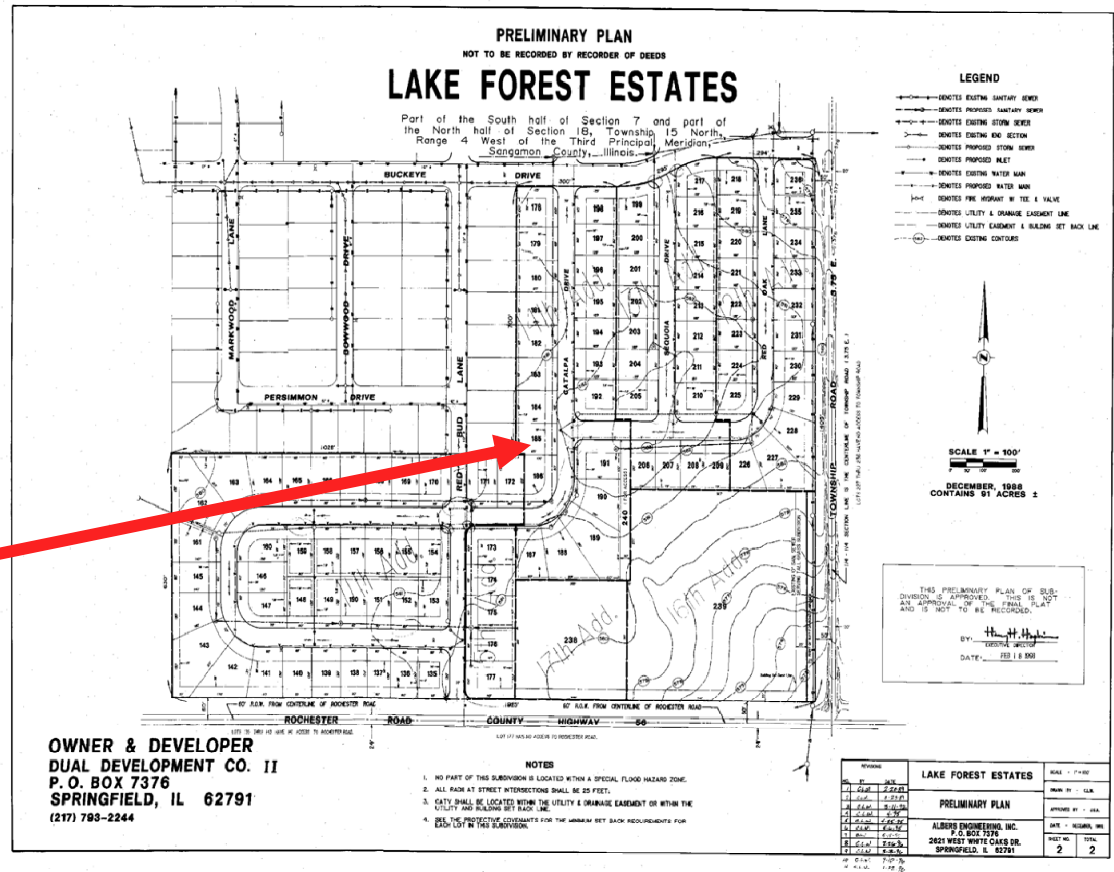


# Before It Is Built

## Approved Final Plat



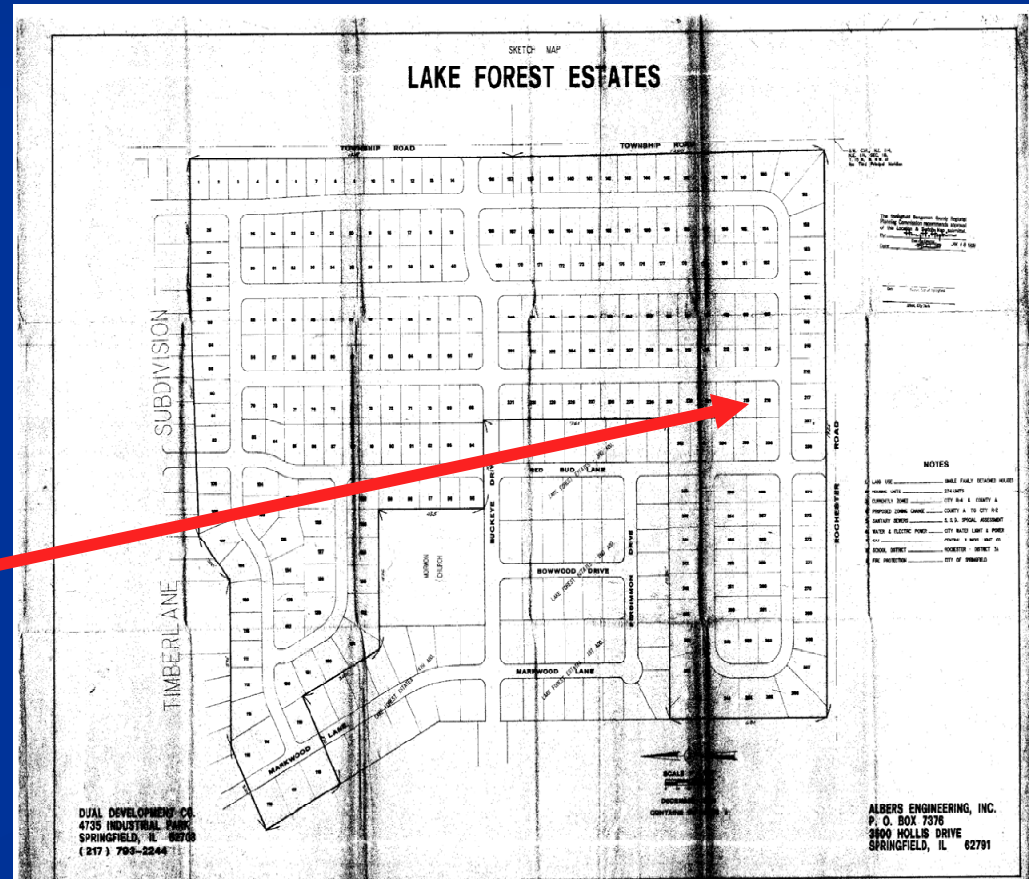
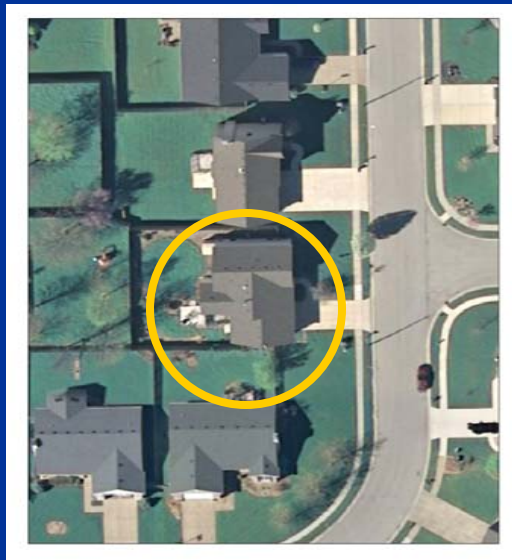
# Approved Preliminary Plan





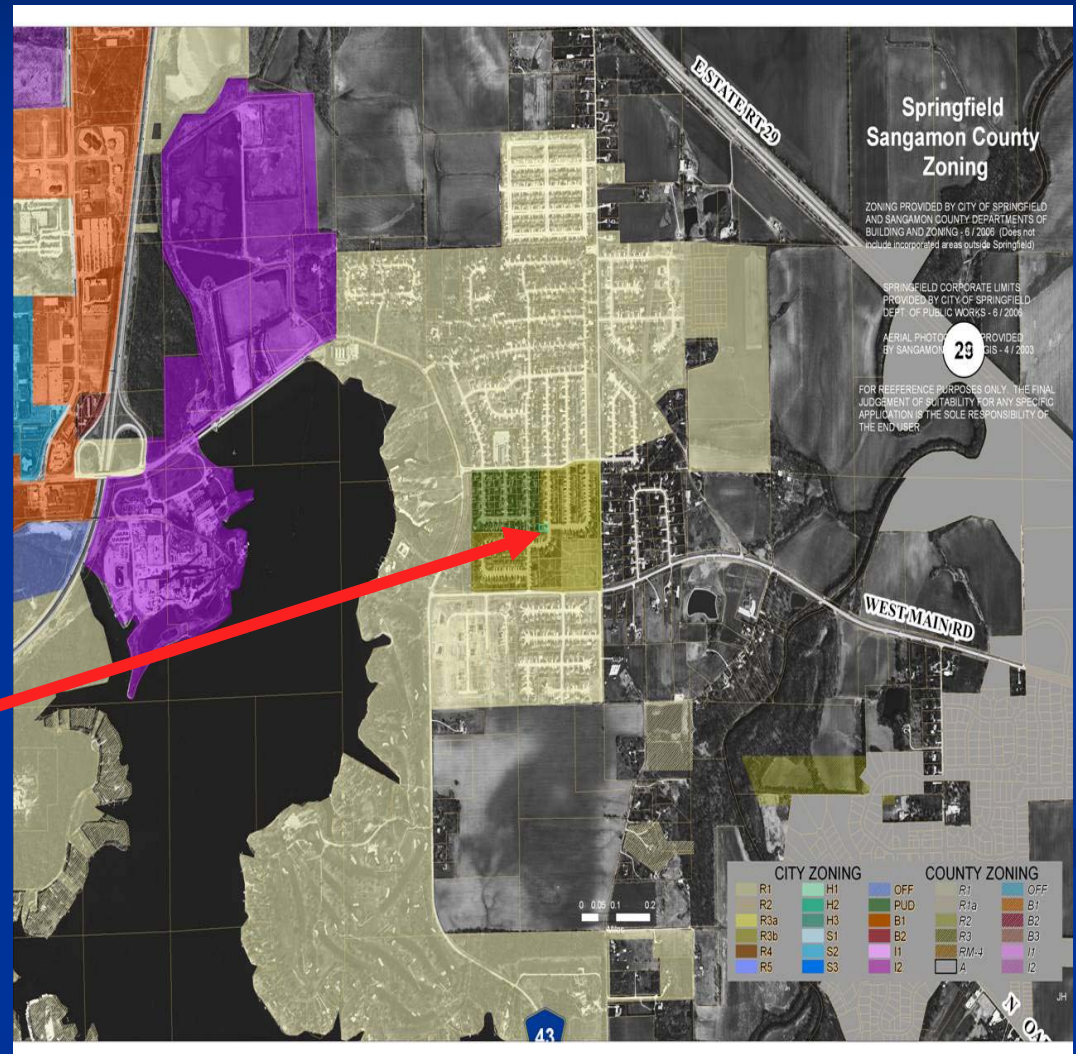
# Before The Preliminary Plan

## ■ Approved Location and Sketch Map



# It Must Take Into Account

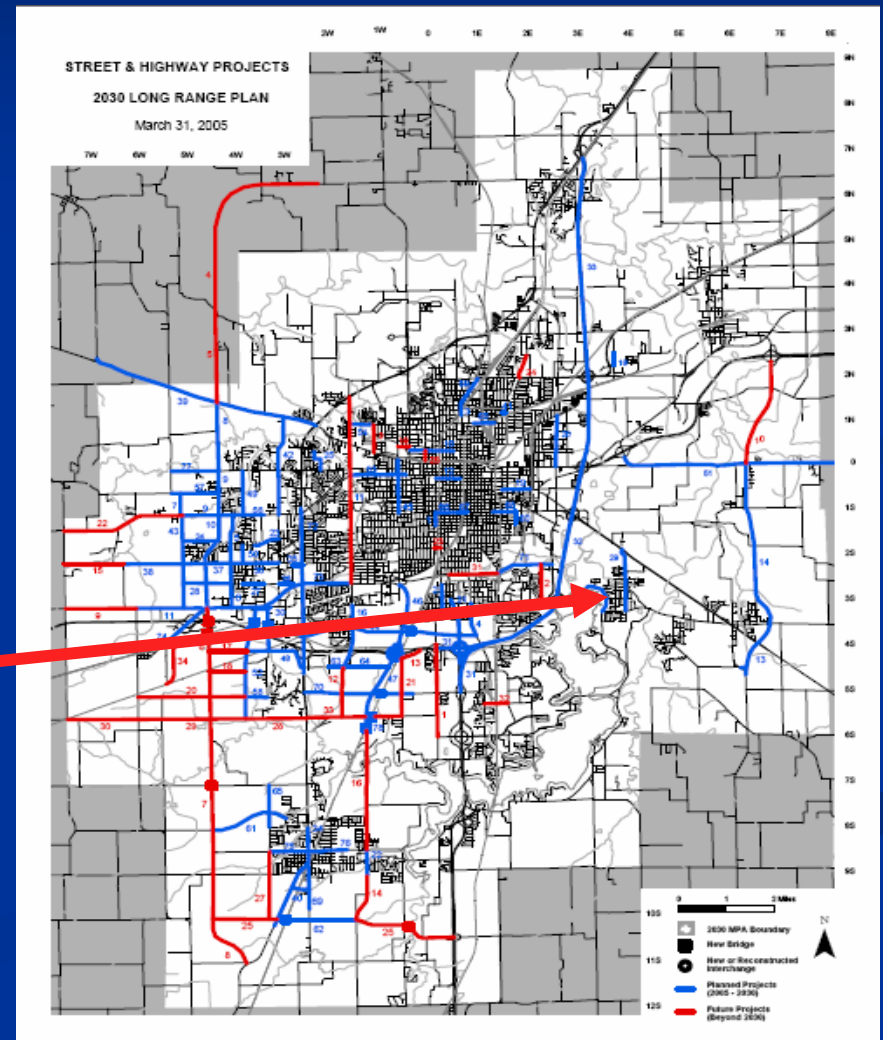
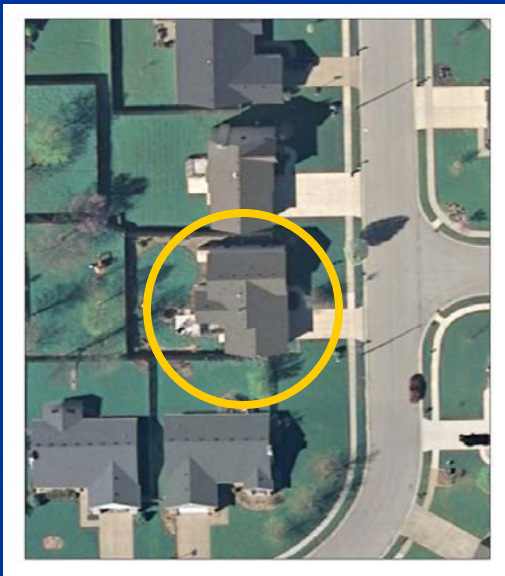
## ■ Zoning





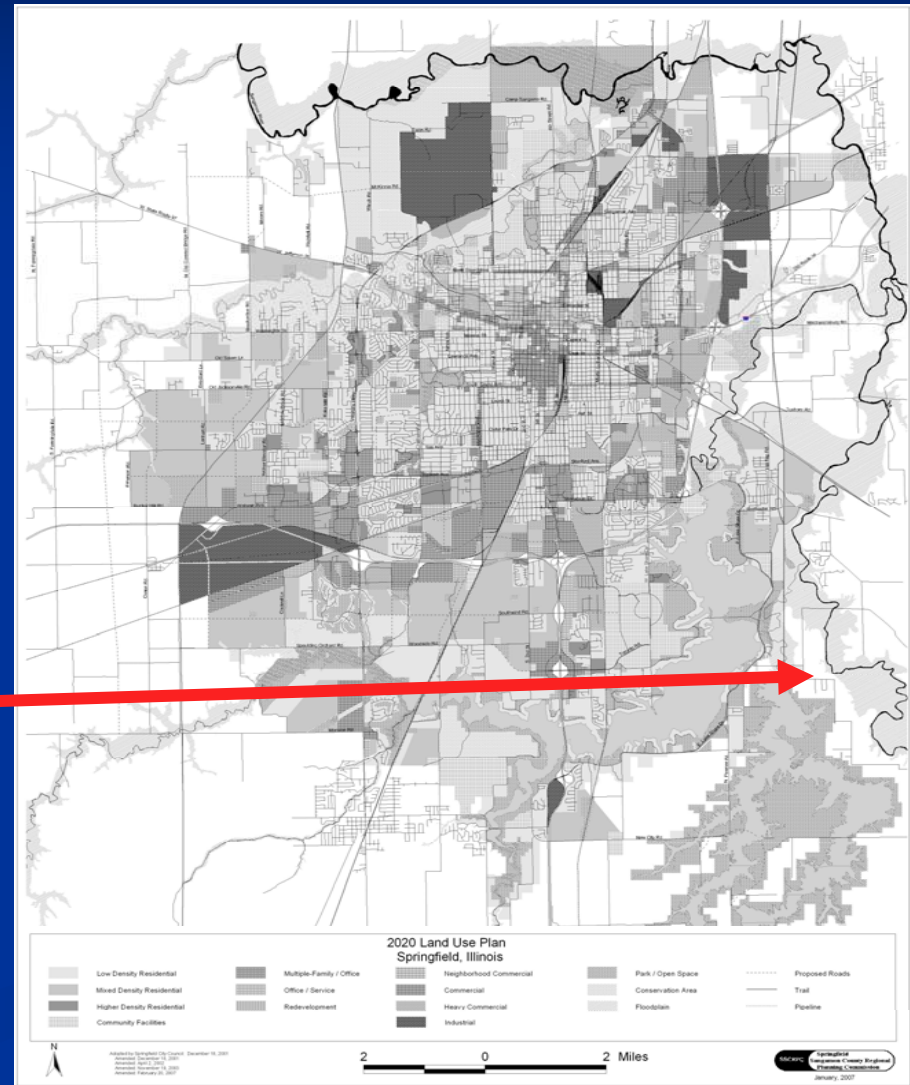
# Road Service

## ■ Long-Range Transportation Plan



# The Comprehensive Plan

- Land Use
- Amenities
- Infrastructure





# And Community Vision





# The Plans



# These Represent Some of the Planning To Be Discussed Today

- Comprehensive and Land Use.
- Zoning.
- Flood Plain.
- Natural Hazard Mitigation.
- Transportation.
- Development Planning.
- Preservation.

AND how this comes together and looks to a  
developer.

# Today

- Its going to be a busy few hours.
- Remind us that you don't have an LOA.
- We have lunch planned.
- Please sign-in so we can get materials to you and continue to communicate.
- Will not make you experts, but hope to make better consumers of the planning process and make the process more transparent.

# Thanks for Attending!



WE WANT TO THANK INB!